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# CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP INTELLIGENCE REPORT

COUNTRY Costa Rica

SUBJECT Arms Purchases by Opposition Elements

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ORIGIN

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- 25X1X a. Fernando Castro Cervantes, leader of the Partido Democrata, which comprises  
25X1X about 70% of the Opposition strength, is alleged to have purchased arms in  
25X1X Nicaragua using personal checks.  
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- b. Jose Figueres Ferrer, a prominent member of the Opposition, is reported to  
have visited several Central American countries for the purpose of  
purchasing arms.
- c. Forty machine guns were reported to have arrived in Costa Rica from  
Nicaragua late in January.
- d. President Picado was informed that an airplane load of arms for the  
Opposition was scheduled to leave Tapachula, Mexico on 1 February.

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2. [REDACTED] the Opposition is collaborating with Central American  
exiles residing in Costa Rica. Together they are reported to have collected  
some 800,000 colones for the coming presidential election campaign. The  
Central American exiles hope that by aiding in securing a victory for the  
Opposition in Costa Rica they will then secure help in overthrowing the  
dictatorships in Honduras and Nicaragua. While there are some forty thousand  
Nicaraguans residing in Costa Rica, [REDACTED] the number and status  
of those from other Central American countries is not known.

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